# *Put the Pen to Paper*

- Draw on your *experience*, your *training*, and your *readings*
- Research is the means to an end
- Must begin he writing process as soon as possible
- Develop a pattern
- Develop a style of proper mechanics

## *Historical Work*

- Critical analysis of the facts
- Determination of conclusions
- If possible, lessons learned

- ***Historical Work via Clausewitz***
- Historical investigation and deterring of doubtful facts
- Tracing of effects to cause, (real critical inquiry)
- Testing the means employed (critical narration/historical investigation)

## ***Conduct the Research***

- Narrow the topic
- Working Bibliography
- Examine the books (value, detect bias)
- Various sources (Magazines, Newspapers, Army Records, Gen Orders, ARs, FMs, JCCS papers
- Prepare a rough outline
- Skeptical/Critical questions developed from research

## *Conduct the Research*

- Refine the meaning + significance = New contribution of knowledge
- Arrange draft – Chronological or Topical
- Research for writing aids – Maps, Photographs, Historical and Geographical Atlases

# *The Rules of Writing*

- CLARITY
- Unity and Coherence
- Emphasis
- Sentence Structure
- Diction = (shift F7)
- Define Technical Terms
- Avoid Jargons & Trite Expressions

## *Do's and Don'ts*

- Learn and Know your subject- Weapons, communications, supply facilities, maps, roads, bridges, vehicles
- Know 'the life of the common soldier'
- Do not become a slave to your notes
- Draft Review Notes Revise Review Notes Endnote
- Have others review your work – English Dept, SME, Style Guide
- Stamp of Authenticity = Documentation, Don't be an Ambrose